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A. PHYSICAL SEARCH: ON 29 NOVEMBER

SURPRISE SEARCHES OF CUATEHALAN ARMY AND POLICE POSTS FOR FORMER REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE IN ARMS (ORPA) COMMANDER EFRAIN ((DBAMACA)) DVELASQUEZ. DID NOT FIND ANY EVIDENCE OF BAMACA IN ANY BASES OR STATIONS.

B. COUNTERATTACK: ON THE SAME DAY, THE GUATEMALAN
BROUGHT
CHARGES OF MAKING UNSUPPORTED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE

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CUATEMALAN COVERNMENT THE ALLEGED U.S. CITIZEN WIFE OF BAMACA, JENNIFER ((CHARBURY)). (CFIELD CONGENT: THE CHARGE, CALLED "JACTANCIA," IS SIMILAR TO A SLANDER CHARCE.
HARBURY WAS CIVEN A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS TO PRESENT HER EVIDENCE THAT THE COVERNMENT IS HOLDING BAHACA.) ON 9 DECEMBER, A GUATEMALAN JUDGE TEMPORARILY LIFTED THE HOTION FILED A NEW HEARING ON THE "JACTANCIA" HOTION HAS BEEN SET FOR 12 JANUARY 1995.

STRONCLY OPPOSED THE DELAY. HARBURY IS BEING ALLOWED TO STAY IN GUATEMALA FOR AS LONG AS SHE IS PRESSING THE BAMACA CASE THROUGH THE GUATEMALAN LEGAL SYSTEM. COVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE HINTED THAT SHE WILL BE DEPORTED IF SHE ENGAGES IN FURTHER "POLITICAL" ACTIVITIES, LIKE HER RECENT HUNGER STRIKE.

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C. LEGALISTIC WRANGLING: ON 7 DECEMBER,

FILED A HOTION
OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY AGAINST THE SUPREME COURT, WHICH HAD
DEHANDED HIS OFFICE INVESTIGATE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF
BAHACA. COMMENT: THE SUPREME COURT ISSUED THE
ORDER SOMETIME IN EARLY TO MID-NOVEMBER.

DOES NOT HAVE THE DATE ON HAND.)
THE OMBUDSHAN IS NOT ANSWERABLE TO THE COURTS.

THE OMBUDSHAN WORKS FOR THE CONGRESS.

NEVERTHELESS, ON 9 DECEMBER, TURNED IN TO THE
SUPREME COURT THE RESULTS OF HIS BAHACA INVESTIGATIONS UP
TO THAT DATE. THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE OMBUDSHAN'S OFFICE
HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THE FORMER GUERRILLA SUB-COMMANDER.

COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A MEMO
HAVE
INTERVIEWED ARMY OFFICERS ABOUT BAHACA. THEY ARE CETTING
SIHILAR ANSWERS FROM EVERY OFFICER THEY TALK TO, SUGGESTING
THE OFFICER CORPS HAS BEEN COACHED TO PROVIDE AN "APPROVED"
ANSWER TO

IT IS THIS STATION'S VIEW
THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY WILL NEVER ADMIT THAT IT CAPTURED
BAHACA ALIVE, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOW ALMOST BEYOND DISPUTE THAT
THE ARMY DID CAPTURE HIM, AND PROBABLY EXECUTED HIM AFTER
HE OUTLIVED HIS USEFULNESS. TO MAKE ANY ADMISSIONS IN THE
CASE WOULD UNLEASH A HAIL OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL
CRITICISM THAT WOULD MAKE THE CURRENT BAHACA CASE FUROR
LOOK PALE BY COMPARISON.)

